

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 5 Percent From Last Year

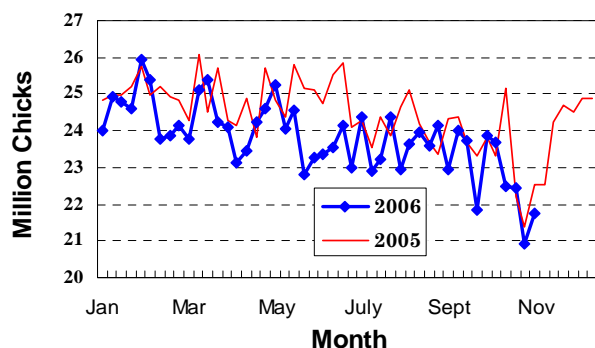
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 21.8 million during the week ending November 18, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2005 through November 18, 2006 were 7.94 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 22.6 million, down 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

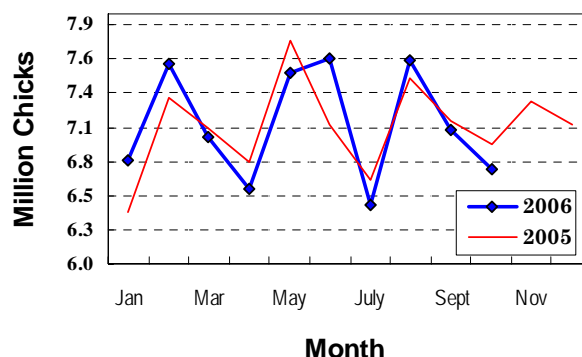
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 18, 2006, down 5 percent from the same period last year, and virtually unchanged from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.74 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2006, down 3 percent from October 2005.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2005-2006



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2005 - 2006



	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
Week Ending 1/	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005	2006	
	Thousand		
Oct. 14	23,807	23,862	100
Oct. 21	23,299	23,702	102
Oct. 28	25,166	22,474*	89
Nov. 4	22,222	22,444*	101
Nov. 11	21,377	20,938*	98
Nov. 18	22,543	21,767	97

	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
Month	Year		% of
	2005	2006	Prev. Year
	Thousand		
May	7,783	7,531	97
Jun.	7,109	7,636	107
Jul.	6,657	6,456	97
Aug.	7,484	7,631	102
Sep.	7,132	7,063	99
Oct.	6,944	6,744	97

1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, October 21 - November 18, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	21-Oct	28-Oct	4-Nov	11-Nov	18-Nov	% 1/	21-Oct	28-Oct	4-Nov	11-Nov	18-Nov	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	30,217	26,736 *	28,874	30,879 *	29,562	95	19,923	20,125	19,657	19,635 *	17,292	89
Arkansas	27,581 *	27,264	27,218 *	29,669 *	29,543	95	23,702	22,474 *	22,444 *	20,938 *	21,767	97
Delaware	3,732	3,402	3,761	3,690	3,686	97	4,809	4,965	5,301	5,773	4,583	98
Florida	1,372	1,364	1,367	1,354	1,359	100	1,449	1,389	1,428	1,400	1,209	74
Georgia	32,473	32,551	32,062	34,004 *	33,664	102	27,415	28,785	28,334	26,793 *	26,485	108
Kentucky	6,666 *	7,314	6,582	7,186 *	7,193	104	5,469	6,126	5,576	5,421 *	6,336	113
Louisiana	3,802	3,742 *	3,802	3,742	3,712	90	3,470	3,107	3,907	3,950	3,365	87
Maryland	8,445	8,411	8,685	8,295	8,616	96	6,446	6,031	5,612	4,676	5,617	103
Mississippi	16,094	14,391	17,123	16,921	17,599	94	14,477	15,205	15,375	14,645	12,830	86
N. Carolina	17,758	18,182 *	18,412	18,428	18,531	101	15,277	14,299	14,066	15,056	14,632	98
Oklahoma	6,232	6,385	6,070	6,202 *	6,412	96	4,211	4,706	4,498	5,020 *	4,289	94
Pennsylvania	3,721	3,388	3,595 *	3,911 *	3,758	88	2,856	2,882	2,782 *	2,633 *	2,630	91
S. Carolina	5,481	5,052 *	4,763	5,460	5,487	109	4,271	4,463	4,630	4,315	4,340	106
Texas	12,525	12,600	13,900	13,684	14,040	92	11,991	12,609	12,323	10,630	10,662	93
Virginia	5,782	5,744	5,328	6,255 *	6,277	98	4,222	5,039	4,697	4,382	4,808	95
CA,MO,TN&WV	14,889	16,171 *	17,082 *	17,861 *	18,138	100	15,122	15,475	15,067 *	14,902 *	15,142	89
19 State Total	196,770 *	192,697 *	198,624 *	207,541 *	207,577		165,110	167,680 *	165,697 *	160,169 *	155,987	
Prev. Year Total	202,413	199,322	206,422	210,900	212,945		166,512	170,277	165,230	165,141	162,967	
% of Prev. Year	97	97	96	98	97		99	98	100	97	96	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							9-Dec	16-Dec	23-Dec	30-Dec	6-Jan	

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 18, 2006. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 18, 2006. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through November 18, 2006 were 7.94 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.